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Session 1: Word List

inward

adj. directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking

synonym: internal, introspective, interior

(1) **inward** peace, (2) **inward** cargo

The **inward** motion of the tide was gradually slowing down.

eerily

adv. in a strange, weird, or unsettling manner; suggesting the presence of supernatural or mysterious elements

synonym: spookily, strangely, creepily

(1) **eerily** accurate, (2) **eerily** atmospheric

The abandoned house was **eerily** silent as if someone was watching from within.

supple

adj. flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

synonym: flexible, pliable, bendable

(1) **supple** muscles, (2) **supple** leather

The ballerina's **supple** movements left the audience mesmerized.

pivotal

adj. relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something

synonym: crucial, essential, important

(1) **pivotal** moment, (2) **pivotal** role

The CEO's decision was **pivotal** in the success of the company's expansion plans.

conceive

v. to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant

synonym: imagine, envision, concoct

(1) **conceive** of an idea, (2) **conceive** a child

I can't **conceive** he'd want to harm us.

enormity

n. the quality of being extremely evil or wicked; the vastness of size or extent

synonym: horribleness, seriousness, immensity

(1) grasp the **enormity**, (2) the **enormity** of the task

The **enormity** of the financial fraud was uncovered after years of investigation.

restrain

v. to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses

synonym: restrict, limit, control

(1) **restrain** from violence, (2) **restrain** a child

The police had to **restrain** the suspect after he became violent during the arrest.

pansexual

adj. characterized by attraction or romantic interest in people regardless of their biological sex, gender identity, or gender expression

synonym: panromantic, omnisexual, gender-blind

(1) **pansexual** identity, (2) **pansexual** community

The movie portrays a **pansexual** relationship between two of the main characters.

treasury

n. the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual

synonym : coffer, exchequer, bank

(1) **treasury** bonds, (2) **treasury** money

The protracted war nearly depleted the country's **treasury**.

institutionalize

v. to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)

synonym : formalize, establish, regularize

(1) **institutionalize** a system, (2) **institutionalize** customary laws

The new policy aims to **institutionalize** the use of renewable energy sources.

Newtonian

adj. relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation

synonym : classical, physics, mechanics

(1) **Newtonian** physics, (2) **Newtonian** mechanics

The motion of planets can be described using **Newtonian** mechanics.

immortal

adj. having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance

synonym : eternal, everlasting, undying

(1) **immortal** soul, (2) **immortal** love

Legends often describe mythical creatures as **immortal** beings.

ballistic

adj. relating to or resembling the motion or behavior of a projectile in flight; intensely angry or out of control

synonym : furious, explosive, enraged

(1) **ballistic** missile, (2) **ballistic** vest

The boss went **ballistic** when he found out we missed the deadline.

unconstitutional

adj. not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state

synonym : illegal, unlawful, invalid

(1) **unconstitutional** violation, (2) **unconstitutional** action

The law was determined to be **unconstitutional** by the court.

viol

n. a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba

synonym : viola, viola da gamba, string instrument

(1) **viol** instrument, (2) **viol** music

The **viol** player was rehearsing for an upcoming concert.

enmity

n. the state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something

synonym : hostility, antipathy, animosity

(1) incur his **enmity**, (2) mutual **enmity**

There is a long-standing **enmity** between the two countries.

exaggerate

v. to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is

synonym : overstate, overestimate, amplify

(1) **exaggerate** in degree, (2) **exaggerate** story

She **exaggerated** the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

overstate

v. to exaggerate or make something seem more important or serious than it is

synonym : exaggerate, embellish, magnify

(1) **overstate** the issue, (2) **overstate** the importance

He tends to **overstate** his accomplishments to impress others.

corruptible

adj. capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

synonym : bribable, dishonest, venal

(1) **corruptible** officials, (2) **corruptible** judges

Bureaucracies are more **corruptible** than other systems or organizations.

autarchy

n. a system of government or rule in which one person or entity holds absolute or unlimited power; self-rule or self-government; complete independence or self-sufficiency

synonym: dictatorship, autocracy, independence

(1) agricultural **autarchy**, (2) economic **autarchy**

The country's **autarchy** policy aimed at achieving economic self-sufficiency.

self-reliant

adj. able to rely on oneself or one's abilities; not needing or depending on others for support or guidance

synonym: independent, self-sufficient, autonomous

(1) **self-reliant** person, (2) **self-reliant** community

After moving to a new city, she became more **self-reliant** and learned to navigate the streets independently.

ineffectual

adj. lacking the ability or power to produce a desired effect or result; inadequate or futile in achieving a goal or purpose

synonym: ineffective, futile, powerless

(1) **ineffectual** attempt, (2) **ineffectual** policy

The manager's **ineffectual** leadership led to decreased employee morale and productivity.

republican

n. a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States

synonym: conservative, right-winger, rightist

(1) **republican** ideology, (2) **Republican** party

Many **republican** lawmakers are advocating for stricter immigration policies.

astonished

adj. extremely surprised and upset

synonym: amazed, dumbfounded, flabbergasted

(1) **astonished** at the success, (2) cast **astonished** eyes

She was **astonished** by the news and could hardly believe it.

innovate

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

synonym: bring in, introduce, found

(1) **innovate** a new method, (2) **innovate** the quality of his life

Companies developing self-driving cars consistently **innovate** the emerging technologies.

enact

v. to make a law; to put something into practice

synonym: legislate, pass, decree

(1) **enact** new legislation, (2) **enact** the smoking ban

The government **enacted** this law in 1925.

hegemony

n. the dominance or influence of one group, country, or ideology over others, especially in political, economic, or cultural domains

synonym: dominance, leadership, supremacy

(1) regional **hegemony**, (2) corporate **hegemony**

For decades, the US has been viewed as having economic and military **hegemony** worldwide.

periphery

n. the outer edge or margin of something, especially a geographical area or a group of people

synonym: edge, border, margin

(1) around the **periphery**, (2) **periphery** countries

The factory was located on the city's **periphery**, away from residential areas.

midterm

adj. referring to the middle of a term or period, especially in politics or education

synonym: intermediate, central, halfway

(1) **midterm** election, (2) leave school in the **midterm**

The **midterm** exams determined how much students had learned so far.

rev

n. a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per

minute

synonym : revolution, RPM, speed

(1) low- **rev** engine, (2) **rev** up the crowd

He stepped on the gas pedal, and the engine released a loud **rev**.

takeaway

n. a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information

synonym : conclusion, message, insight

(1) **takeaway** pizza, (2) **takeaway** message

The main **takeaway** from the meeting was the need for better communication.

excursus

n. a digression or side note in a text, often providing additional or supplementary information; a separate, lengthy discussion or exploration of a specific topic within a larger work

synonym : digression, parenthesis, aside

(1) **excursus** footnote, (2) **excursus** topic

The professor's **excursus** on the impact of climate change was quite enlightening, even if it veered off the lecture's main topic.

grandchild

n. a child of someone's son or daughter

synonym : offspring, descendant, progeny

(1) **grandchild-grandparent** relationship, (2) **grandchild** development

The grandparents take care of their **grandchild** while the parents are at work.

grandparent

n. a parent of one's father or mother

(1) great- **grandparent**, (2) person of **grandparent** age

She was close to her paternal **grandparents** and often spent summers with them.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. ins_____ize a system | <i>v.</i> to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.) |
| 2. sel_____ant person | <i>adj.</i> able to rely on oneself or one's abilities; not needing or depending on others for support or guidance |
| 3. ex_____us topic | <i>n.</i> a digression or side note in a text, often providing additional or supplementary information; a separate, lengthy discussion or exploration of a specific topic within a larger work |
| 4. v__l music | <i>n.</i> a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba |
| 5. re_____in from violence | <i>v.</i> to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses |
| 6. co_____ve a child | <i>v.</i> to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant |
| 7. corporate he_____ny | <i>n.</i> the dominance or influence of one group, country, or ideology over others, especially in political, economic, or cultural domains |
| 8. economic au_____hy | <i>n.</i> a system of government or rule in which one person or entity holds absolute or unlimited power; self-rule or self-government; complete independence or self-sufficiency |

ANSWERS: 1. institutionalize, 2. self-reliant, 3. excursus, 4. viol, 5. restrain, 6. conceive, 7. hegemony, 8. autarchy

9. Rep_____an party *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
10. r_v up the crowd *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
11. ov_____te the importance *v.* to exaggerate or make something seem more important or serious than it is
12. su___e muscles *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas
13. ov_____te the issue *v.* to exaggerate or make something seem more important or serious than it is
14. low-r_v engine *n.* a measure of the rate at which an engine or motor rotates, often expressed in revolutions per minute (RPM); (verb) to increase the number of rotations per minute
15. person of gra_____nt age *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
16. v__l instrument *n.* a stringed instrument, typically with six strings and frets, played with a bow, also called a viola da gamba
17. ine_____al policy *adj.* lacking the ability or power to produce a desired effect or result; inadequate or futile in achieving a goal or purpose

ANSWERS: 9. republican, 10. rev, 11. overstate, 12. supple, 13. overstate, 14. rev, 15. grandparent, 16. viol, 17. ineffectual

18. ba_____ic vest *adj.* relating to or resembling the motion or behavior of a projectile in flight; intensely angry or out of control
19. pi_____l role *adj.* relating to or acting as a pivot or central point; crucial or essential to the success or outcome of something
20. ins_____ize customary laws *v.* to establish or make something a part of an institution (= a place such as a university, hospital, etc.)
21. tr_____ry money *n.* the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual
22. ee____y accurate *adv.* in a strange, weird, or unsettling manner; suggesting the presence of supernatural or mysterious elements
23. cast ast_____ed eyes *adj.* extremely surprised and upset
24. en__t the smoking ban *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
25. unc_____nal action *adj.* not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state
26. grasp the en_____ty *n.* the quality of being extremely evil or wicked; the vastness of size or extent
27. exa_____te in degree *v.* to describe or represent something as better or worse than it is
28. su____e leather *adj.* flexible and easy to bend or move; gracefully agile; adaptable or responsive to change or new ideas

ANSWERS: 18. ballistic, 19. pivotal, 20. institutionalize, 21. treasury, 22. eerily, 23. astonished, 24. enact, 25. unconstitutional, 26. enormity, 27. exaggerate, 28. supple

29. gra_____ld development *n.* a child of someone's son or daughter
30. re_____in a child *v.* to prevent or hold back from doing something, often by physical or moral force; to limit or restrict one's actions or behavior; to control or moderate strong emotions or impulses
31. agricultural au_____hy *n.* a system of government or rule in which one person or entity holds absolute or unlimited power; self-rule or self-government; complete independence or self-sufficiency
32. tr_____ry bonds *n.* the government department in charge of managing public funds; the funds of a government or institution or individual
33. in_____te a new method *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products
34. ine_____al attempt *adj.* lacking the ability or power to produce a desired effect or result; inadequate or futile in achieving a goal or purpose
35. rep_____an ideology *n.* a person who supports or advocates for a particular form of government, typically one that has an elected head of state rather than a monarch; a member or supporter of the Republican Party in the United States
36. ex_____us footnote *n.* a digression or side note in a text, often providing additional or supplementary information; a separate, lengthy discussion or exploration of a specific topic within a larger work

ANSWERS: 29. grandchild, 30. restrain, 31. autarchy, 32. treasury, 33. innovate, 34. ineffectual, 35. republican, 36. excursus

37. sel_____ant community *adj.* able to rely on oneself or one's abilities; not needing or depending on others for support or guidance
38. en__t new legislation *v.* to make a law; to put something into practice
39. in___d cargo *adj.* directed or facing towards the inside; inside or inward-looking
40. ta_____ay message *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
41. incur his en___y *n.* the state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something
42. the en_____ty of the task *n.* the quality of being extremely evil or wicked; the vastness of size or extent
43. im_____al love *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
44. cor_____le officials *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral
45. ba_____ic missile *adj.* relating to or resembling the motion or behavior of a projectile in flight; intensely angry or out of control
46. great-gra_____nt *n.* a parent of one's father or mother
47. leave school in the mi_____m *adj.* referring to the middle of a term or period, especially in politics or education
48. ast_____ed at the success *adj.* extremely surprised and upset

ANSWERS: 37. self-reliant, 38. enact, 39. inward, 40. takeaway, 41. enmity, 42. enormity, 43. immortal, 44. corruptible, 45. ballistic, 46. grandparent, 47. midterm, 48. astonished

49. mutual en___y *n.* the state or feeling of being actively opposed or hostile to someone or something
50. co_____ve of an idea *v.* to have or develop an idea, a plan, etc. in mind; to become pregnant
51. ta_____ay pizza *n.* a message or conclusion that can be taken away from a situation or piece of information
52. pa_____al identity *adj.* characterized by attraction or romantic interest in people regardless of their biological sex, gender identity, or gender expression
53. Ne_____an mechanics *adj.* relating to Sir Isaac Newton or his laws of motion and universal gravitation
54. unc_____nal violation *adj.* not in accordance with the constitution (= the set of fundamental principles or established precedents) of a country or state
55. im_____al soul *adj.* having eternal or never-ending life; living forever; incapable of dying; having enduring fame or lasting significance
56. pe_____ry countries *n.* the outer edge or margin of something, especially a geographical area or a group of people
57. mi_____m election *adj.* referring to the middle of a term or period, especially in politics or education
58. cor_____le judges *adj.* capable of being made to do something dishonest or immoral

ANSWERS: 49. enmity, 50. conceive, 51. takeaway, 52. pansexual, 53. Newtonian, 54. unconstitutional, 55. immortal, 56. periphery, 57. midterm, 58. corruptible

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67. around the pe_____ry *n.* the outer edge or margin of something, especially a geographical area or a group of people
68. in_____te the quality of his life *v.* to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

ANSWERS: 59. pivotal, 60. pansexual, 61. exaggerate, 62. inward, 63. Newtonian, 64. hegemony, 65. grandchild, 66. eerily, 67. periphery, 68. innovate

Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

1. The abandoned house was _____ silent as if someone was watching from within.

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2. Companies developing self-driving cars consistently _____ the emerging technologies.

v. to introduce new methods, ideas, or products

3. She _____ the extent of her injuries to get more money from the settlement.

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